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## Just Folks by Edgar A. Guest

## THE UP-HILL STRUGGLE

It's up the hill to glory in every sort  
of weather,  
It's step-by-step and slip and fall and  
pull yourself together;  
It's slog along and jog along, ahead  
of you's the city,  
It's down, and up to fight again, and  
give yourself no pity.  
It's up the hill to what you want and  
there's no way of cheating it,  
It's hit-by-hill, with mud and grit and  
facing care and meeting it;  
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### WHY SHOULD THE PORTLAND TELEGRAM SELECT A CONGRESSMAN FOR US

IN AN apparent desire to choose our congressman for us and to answer the question, "What has Sinnott ever done?" the Portland Telegram, through its political editor, has attempted to list the achievements of the congressman from this district and to deride the candidacy of James H. Gwinn. During the controversy over the Portland fair tax and the Wallula cutoff the Telegram was the most vehement of all Portland newspapers in opposing the interests of Eastern Oregon and in striving to undermine the senators who stood by the welfare of this section. Consequently the Telegram need be given no heed with reference to our selection of a congressman, particularly since Portland is not in the second district. The task of choosing a congressman from Eastern Oregon rests with Eastern Oregon, not with any Portland newspaper.

However, the Telegram's list of Mr. Sinnott's achievements is amusing and interesting. First upon the roll of honor the Telegram recites the claim that Mr. Sinnott "secured an appropriation of \$150,000 to combat the destructive pine tree beetle." Whether the pine tree beetle was assailed from the rear or by the right flank is not disclosed. The East Oregonian admits its ignorance of Mr. Sinnott's great service in such a field but trusts the pine trees are none the worse for the medicine—if they got any, which we doubt.

For Mr. Sinnott's second great achievement the Telegram asserts he "induced the secretary of the interior to make an appropriation for the west extension of the Umatilla project." This would be news to Franklin K. Lane were he still alive. Mr. Lane was then secretary of the interior and he made a personal visit to the project as did also the director and engineers of the reclamation service, who approved the project. Mr. Sinnott was not even a member of the inspection party, which was conducted by a committee from Pendleton, Hermiston, Umatilla and Portland, Dr. C. J. Smith being the chairman. No action by congress was ever secured or needed. The claim that Mr. Sinnott induced the secretary of the interior to do anything in connection with that project is political bunk. The present local supporters of Sinnott were at that time hostile to the project and did all in their power to defeat it. The East Oregonian strongly championed the project and its local competitor, then called the "Live Wire," was daily filled with articles attempting to defame the move and those who supported it. If the Portland Telegram knew more about Eastern Oregon history it would never credit Nick Sinnott as being the hero of the west extension. Besides Mr. Sinnott was not chosen congressman until after the fight was virtually over. That is a matter of record.

The Telegram also credits Mr. Sinnott with having led the fight to turn royalties from oil lands to the reclamation fund. Perhaps he is entitled to some praise in this connection, yet the measure was passed by a democratic congress under a democratic president and others than Mr. Sinnott are more entitled to credit than he. Furthermore the reclamation fund gets little money from oil lands and the fund is broke.

It is also claimed that Mr. Sinnott was on the popular side of the Oregon-California land grant case. But the main issue in that case rested with the United States supreme court and it is highly imaginary to give our congressman credit for a supreme court decision when he did not appear in the case. The case for the people was presented by a special attorney named by President Wilson. For the legislative measure passed following the court's decision George E. Chamberlain and not Nick Sinnott is entitled to credit. Senator Chamberlain was a real power in that congress. Mr. Sinnott was not for he was then one of the "outs."

Other "accomplishments" listed by the Telegram are about in the same class. Mr. Sinnott is credited with voting for the soldier bonus bill but that bonus bill is a "boneless" affair as everyone knows. He is given credit for an appropriation of \$400,000 for the Baker project. That action should properly be credited to the director of the reclamation service who took up the Baker or Powder river project after the Deschutes project had become ineligible for funds. Mr. Sinnott's part in the deal consists in claiming credit for a routine proceeding by the reclamation service.

Stripped of political camouflage the record of Congress-

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man Sinnott in behalf of Eastern Oregon is chiefly a blank. Idaho and Washington have secured the reclamation money while Oregon has held the sack. Umatilla county has met with especial neglect. The McKay project is still a promissory note on which we have been unable to collect. The Umatilla rapids project, the greatest development move ever undertaken for Eastern Oregon, has apparently meant nothing to our congressman. We met with misfortune at Washington in the case of the Wallula cutoff.

Mr. Sinnott may have been useful to Portland but we do not choose a congressman to look out for Portland. That city has a representative of its own.

By whose authority is the Portland Telegram trying to decide the race between Mr. Sinnott and Mr. Gwinn and against the Umatilla county man? Are not Eastern Oregon people capable of selecting a congressman for themselves without advice from outside forces with which we sometimes have sharp differences.

## TOM SIMS SAYS

"Egg crop last year worth 539 millions"—news item. It will be worth more than that when sold.

Only thing green about some gardeners are the men who make them.

Chicago widows' club is reforming. Dead men tell no tales.

Every Saturday night the barber wants a law for daylight shaving.

If absence made the heart grow fonder nearly every woman would love her husband to death.

This country has four-ninths of the world's gold; but then we need it for golf trophies.

## 28 YEARS AGO

(From the Daily East Oregonian, May 4, 1894.)

Wm. Dial is in La Grande. R. Albee has returned from Yaquina Bay.

John Gagen will return from Port Townsend tomorrow.

Judge J. J. Halleray is in Portland on business for his law firm.

Mrs. L. F. Shaw, of Athena visits with her sister, Mrs. W. W. Boothby.

Jerry Stone who is running for representative like a frightened deer, is in town from his Adams home.

Play fair—put the fires out.

Save your forests from fire.

## Jury Frees Woman Without Retiring From Court Room

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 3.—"The man got what was coming to him. Possibly he did not get it in the right way, but he got it!"

Such was the remarkable statement of Judge Harsh, of the criminal court here, when arguments were concluded by lawyers in the case of Beatie Lee Sisk, a young woman tried for the alleged murder of Herbert Bingham, musician.

The jurors, nodding assent to the court's remarks, did not leave the jury box to return their verdict.

The court's statement at the conclusion of the trial was brought about when the defense attorneys asked that a directed verdict of not guilty be returned against the young woman.

Judge continued by declaring that he did not believe there was a chance for conviction of the young woman on the evidence presented and that there was slight chance that the appellate court would permit a verdict to stand against her. It would be a waste of time and money to proceed with the case, he declared, adding that if no member of the jury felt to the contrary a verdict of acquittal might be returned.

Bingham, the murdered man, a musician at a local theatre, had been going with the Sisk girl for months. Evidence by the state tended to show that he had gone to the boarding house where the girl lived, but to see other girls to the exclusion of Miss Sisk, whom he had declared he no longer loved.

It was developed that as a direct result of medical and surgical treatment urged by Bingham Miss Sisk had become very ill and that she had spent weeks in a hospital.

## A Joke, Then a Dispute



Lloyd George telling a funny one to M. Barthou, with Sir Robert Horn, on the left, and Sir L. Worthington-Evans, right, getting an earful. Not long after this was taken, Lloyd George differed with Barthou on the question of the Russo-German treaty.



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